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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Tan D. Nguyen
KAZUMA SATO ET AL.	)	
	:	Art Unit: 2161
Appln. No.: 09/840,892	)	
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Filed: April 25, 2001	)	
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD	)	
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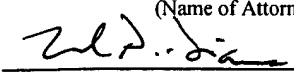
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2005, Applicants elect, without traverse, to proceed initially with prosecution of Group IV (Claims 94, 100 and 104). Applicants intend to file a Preliminary Amendment shortly, and respectfully request that the Examiner contact their undersigned attorney if such Preliminary Amendment has not been received by the time the application is taken up for action on the merits.

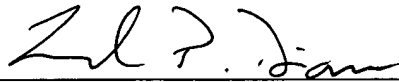
An early and favorable examination of the claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

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<u></u>	<u>April 25, 2005</u>
Signature	Date of Signature

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. P. Diana", written over a horizontal line.

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